

Application No.: 10/031,981

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REMARKS

Claims 11 and 19 have been amended and claim 17 has been canceled. New claims 22 and 23 have been added. Accordingly, claims 11-16 and 18-23 remain under prosecution in this application.

In the Abstract

The Abstract is objected to because it contains legalese such as "means" and "said". The undersigned has amended the Abstract to eliminate such terms and accordingly, the undersigned believes that the objections to the Abstract are now overcome.

In the Specification

The Examiner has objected to several instances in the specification wherein improper reference numerals were used in association with a structural feature of the invention. Accordingly, the undersigned has corrected each and every instance cited by the Examiner.

The Examiner has correctly stated that "ABS", "TCS" and "ESP" are interpreted as "Anti-Lock Braking System", "Traction Control System" and "Electronic Stability Program" respectively. In order to eliminate any potential ambiguity, the undersigned has amended page 10 of the specification to explicitly define "ABS", "TCS", and "ESP".

35 USC §112, second paragraph

Claims 11, 13 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner has cited three instances in claim 11 and two instances in claim 19 of indefiniteness. The undersigned has amended both claims 11 and 19 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions and accordingly, the undersigned believes that the objections of claims 11 and 19 are now overcome.

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 17. None of the references of record teach or suggest the invention set forth in newly amended claim 11 and accordingly, the undersigned believes that claim 11, and its dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.

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New claim 22 has been added. New claim 22 incorporates the features of originally submitted claim 11 and claim 18. None of the references of record teach or suggest the invention set forth in new claim 22 and accordingly, the undersigned believes that new claim 22 is now in condition for allowance.

New claim 23 has been added. New claim 23 incorporates the features of originally submitted claim 11 and claim 19. None of the references of record teach or suggest the invention set forth in new claim 23 and accordingly, the undersigned believes that new claim 23 is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. AP9678 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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